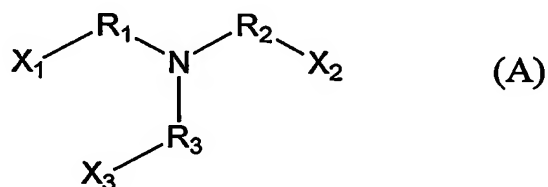


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A finish for a cellulosic fibrous substrate comprising i) primary, secondary or tertiary hydroxyl-containing amines, ii) a suitable crosslinker, and iii) a volatile solvent, wherein the finish provides anti-microbial properties to the fibrous substrate and wherein the finish is durable to cleaning procedures.
2. A finish for a cellulosic fibrous substrate comprising i) primary, secondary or tertiary hydroxyl-containing amines, ii) a suitable crosslinker, and iii) a volatile solvent, wherein the finish provides the fibrous substrate with the ability to eliminate or greatly diminish offensive body odor and wherein the finish is durable to cleaning procedures.
3. A finish according to claim 2 wherein the ability is rechargeable.
4. A finish according to claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the hydroxyl-containing amines are alkanol amines selected from the group consisting of mono-, di-, and tri-alkanol amines.
5. A finish according to claim 4 wherein the alkanol amines are trialkanol amines.
6. A finish according to claim 5 wherein the trialkanol amines are selected from those of Formula (A):



wherein, each of R_1 , R_2 and R_3 is independently selected from lower alkyl groups, unsubstituted or substituted with one or more hydroxyl groups; and each of X_1 , X_2

and X_3 is independently -OH or -H, with the proviso that at least one of X_1 , X_2 or X_3 is -OH.

7. A treated cellulosic fibrous substrate having a finish comprising primary,
5 secondary or tertiary hydroxyl-containing amines, which amines are crosslinked on the fiber surface of the fibrous substrate to form a resinous coating durable to cleaning procedures, the treated cellulosic fibrous substrate exhibiting durable anti-microbial properties.

10 8. A treated cellulosic fibrous substrate having a finish comprising primary, secondary or tertiary hydroxyl-containing amines, which amines are crosslinked on the fiber surface of the fibrous substrate to form a resinous coating durable to cleaning procedures, the treated cellulosic fibrous substrate exhibiting the durable ability to eliminate or greatly diminish offensive body odor.

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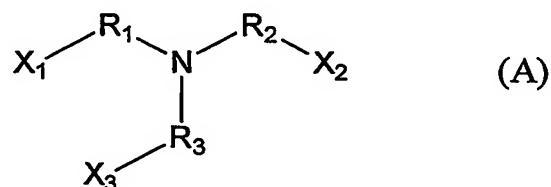
9. A treated fibrous substrate according to claim 8 wherein the ability is rechargeable.

10. A treated fibrous substrate according to claim 7, 8 or 9 wherein the hydroxyl-
20 containing amines are alkanol amines selected from the group consisting of mono-, di-, and tri-alkanol amines.

11. A treated fibrous substrate according to claim 10 wherein the alkanol amines are trialkanol amines.

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12. A treated fibrous substrate according to claim 11 wherein the trialkanol amines are selected from those of Formula (A):



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wherein, each of R_1 , R_2 and R_3 is independently selected from lower alkyl groups, unsubstituted or substituted with one or more hydroxyl groups; and each of X_1 , X_2 and X_3 is independently -OH or -H, with the proviso that at least one of X_1 , X_2 or X_3 is -OH.

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13. A method for providing anti-microbial properties to a cellulosic fibrous substrate, the method comprising:

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exposing the fibrous substrate to a treatment composition comprising i) primary, secondary or tertiary hydroxyl-containing amines, ii) suitable crosslinker, and iii) a volatile solvent; and

curing the fibrous substrate;

to give a cellulosic fibrous substrate exhibiting durable anti-microbial properties.

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14. A method for providing a cellulosic fibrous substrate with the ability to eliminate or greatly diminish offensive body odor, the method comprising:

exposing the fibrous substrate to a treatment composition comprising i) primary, secondary or tertiary hydroxyl-containing amines, ii) suitable crosslinker, and iii) a volatile solvent; and

curing the fibrous substrate;

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to give a treated cellulosic fibrous substrate which exhibits the ability to durably eliminate or greatly diminish offensive body odor.

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15. A method according to claim 14 which comprises the further step of exposing the treated fibrous substrate to an aqueous solution with a pH at or above 10, to recharge the odor-absorptive ability of the fibrous substrate.

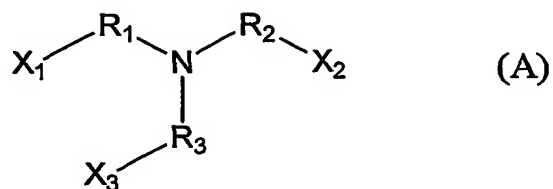
16. A method according to any of claims 13 to 15 wherein the amines are partially reacted with the crosslinker prior to being placed in the volatile solvent.

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17. A method according to any of claims 13 to 16 wherein the hydroxyl-containing amines are alkanol amines selected from the group consisting of mono-, di-, and tri-alkanol amines.

18. A method according to claim 17 wherein the alkanol amines are trialkanol amines.

19. A method according to claim 18 wherein the trialkanol amines are selected
5 from those of Formula (A):



10 wherein, each of R_1 , R_2 and R_3 is independently selected from lower alkyl groups, unsubstituted or substituted with one or more hydroxyl groups; and each of X_1 , X_2 and X_3 is independently -OH or -H, with the proviso that at least one of X_1 , X_2 or X_3 is -OH.